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PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES:	<b>DENTAL APPEALS PANEL, BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS</b>
DATE AND TIME:	<b>Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.</b>
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware <b>Conference Room A</b> , Second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Devon Sadlowski, DDS, Chairperson  
David Bonar, Public Member  
Leroy Bell, DDS

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Allison Reardon, Deputy Attorney General  
Jennifer Myer, Administrative Specialist II  
James Collins, Director Division of Professional Regulation

**ALSO PRESENT** (Include other members of the public present)

Court Reporter, Wilcox and Fetzner  
Douglas J DeCouto, DDS, Appellate  
Laura Dougherty, DDS  
Robert P. Marier, DDS, President, Delaware Board of Dental Examiners  
Thomas W. Mercer, DMD, Previous Professional Member, Delaware Board of Dental Examiners  
David S. Williams, DMD, Professional Member, Delaware Board of Dental Examiners  
Robert R. Hoopes, DDS, Previous Professional Member, Delaware Board of Dental Examiners  
Wanda G. Smith, DDS, Professional Member, Delaware Board of Dental Examiners

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Sadlowski called the hearing to order at 6:06 pm.

**DENTAL APPEALS PANEL HEARING OF DR. DOUGLAS DECOUTO**

Mr. Reardon, Deputy Attorney General advising the Appeals Panel, began the hearing with opening remarks. Ms. Reardon entered into record Appeal Panel Exhibit 1 and Appellate Exhibit 1. Dr. DeCouto, Appellate, was sworn in. Dr. Sadlowski called Dr. Marier to the stand to present an overview of the examination process and procedures. Afterwards, Dr. DeCouto presented his case to the Panel. Following Dr. DeCouto's presentation, questions were entertained by both the Panel and the Appellate. Dr. DeCouto presented a closing statement and the Panel went off the record at 7:20 pm to deliberate. The Panel went back on the record at 7:30 pm. Mr. Bonar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bell to deny the appeal and keep the failing grade. The motion was unanimously carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the hearing was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jennifer L Myer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer L Myer  
Administrative Specialist II

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